

Floor Statement of Rep. Hank Johnson
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Thank you, Madam Speaker. Today, I rise to cite the fact that the American people and Democrats and scientists agree that climate change is a danger to us all, but where are the Republicans?

A week ago, I joined my colleagues in the Safe Climate Caucus to challenge the Republican members of the Energy and Commerce Committee to debate the nation's response to climate change on the House floor.

We received no response.

It is time for a real debate on the House floor about the dangers of climate change.

We are already seeing the powerful forces and effects of nature.

We are witnessing the predictions of our premier scientists come true, and they are alarming. We've seen catastrophic storms, record heat waves, droughts, and wildfires.

The top scientists in the U.S. and around the world tell us that impacts like these will get even worse as climate change continues.

There is no debate about the science of climate change.

Madam Speaker, it is time for a debate on how to solve climate change.